

राजपत्न, हिमाचल प्रदेश

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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH DEPARTMENT OF AYURVEDA

NOTIFICATION

Shimla-171002, the 8th July, 1985

No. HFW-B (A) 4-5/79-III.—In supersession of this Department Notification No. 2-27/71-H&FW, dated the 27th March, 1978 which was published in the Himachal Pradesh Rajpatra (Extraordinary) on 3rd June, 1978 and in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 54 of the Himachal Pradesh Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners Act, 1968 (Act No. 21 of 1968) read with section 4 and sub-section (1) of section 54 of the said Act, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh proposes to make the following draft rules and publish the same for inviting objections and suggestions from the general public which may be sent to the Secretary (Ayurveda) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 within 30 days from the date of publication of these draft rules in the Rajpatra Himachal Pradesh. These draft rules along with objections and

suggesions, if any, to be received within the aforesaid time limit shall be immediately taken into consideration by the State Government before the said draft rules are finalised.

DRAFT RULES

- 1. Short title and commencement.—(a) These Rules may be called "the Himachal Pradesh Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners (Election) Rules, 1985".
 - (b) These shall come into force at once.
 - 2. Definitions.—In these rules unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (a) "Act" means the Himachal Pradesh Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners Act, 1968 (Act No. 21 of 1968);

(b) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board;

(c) "Elector" means the registered practitioner residing in the State of Himachal Pradesh whose name is entered in the Register on the date as may be specified under rule 3;

(d) "Form" means a form appended to these Riles;

- (e) "Government" means the Government of Himachal Pradesh;
- (f) "Returning Officer" means the Chairman or any other person authorised by him to Act as Returning Officer; and

(g) "Section" means a section of the Act;

(h) All other words and expressions used herein but not defined in the Act, shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

Sections 3 & 54 (2)(a).

3. Notification about election.—Whenever election under clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 3 becomes necessary the Chairman shall issue a notice calling upon the electors to elect a member or members by a date to be specified in the notice.

Sections 4 & 54 (2)(a).

- 4. Date on which the number of registered practitioners residing in Himachal Pradesh shall be counted.—31st of January shall be the date on which the number of registered practitioners residing in the State of Himachal Pradesh shall be counted under sub-section (4) of section 3.
- 5. Division of Himachal Pradesh into constituencies.—For the purpose of section 3, the State of Himachal Pradesh shall be divided into territorial constituencies in such manner that the ratio between the electors of each constituency and the number of seats allotted to that constituency shall, as far as practicable, be the same throughout the State by the State Government.

Sections 4 & 54(2)(a).

6. Preparation of electoral roll.—The electoral roll shall be prepared by the Registrar from the Register, (it shall contain the name, father's name, address and registration number of every elector qualified to vote for the election of a member of the Board.

Sections 4 & 54 (2) (b).

- 7. Publication of draft electoral roll.—The Returning Officer shall publish in the manner stated in rule 9 the electoral roll along with notice stating that any objection relating to entries in or omission from the said electoral roll may be preferred to the Returning Officer at his Office during office hours on or before the date of hearing of objections to be specified in the notice.
- 8. Final publication of electoral roll.—The Returning Officer shall soon after the objections have been heard and decided, but not later than 10 days after the date fixed for hearing of objections, publish in the manner laid down in rule 9 the final electoral roll and shall cause to be

printed a sufficient number of copies of the electoral roll for supply on payment to such persons as may apply for the same.

Sections 4 & 54 (2)(b).

- 9. Method of publication.—Any order, notification or the electoral roll to be published for general information under these rules shall be deemed to be duly published if the same is placed at conspicuous places outside the offices of:—
 - (a) Deputy Commissioners, Tehsildars and Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil) in the State:
 - (b) The Registrar of the Board.

Sections 4 & 54(2)(b).

10. Election Programme.—As soon as may be after the issue of the notice under rule 3, the Returning Officer shall frame the election programme. The scrutiny of nomination papers shall be held not later than the 3rd day of the last date fixed for filing nomination papers and three days time shall be allowed for the withdrawal of nomination papers after their scrutiny. He shall specify for each constituency the date, time and place for the filing of nomination papers, the date by which ballot papers after voting shall be received by him and the date of publication of names of persons declared to have been elected.

Sections 4 & 54(2)(b).

11. Amendment, variation or modification of election programme.—The Chairman by an order in writing, may amend, vary or modify an election programme at any time:

Provided that unless the Chairman otherwise directs no such order shall be deemed to invalidate any proceedings taken before the date of the order.

Sections 4 & 54(2)(b).

12. Publication of order under rule 11.—Every, order under rule 11 shall be published in the manner prescribed under rule 9.

Sections 4 & 54 (2)(b).

13. Nomination of candidates.—(1) Any registered practitioner residing in Himachal Pradesh whose name appears in the electoral roll published under rule 8 and who is not disqualified under the Act may be nominated as a candidate for election in the Board:

Provided that the nomination paper complete in all respect is delivered by the persons nominated or by his proposer or seconder to the Returning Officer on the date, time and place fixed under rule 10.

(2) The nomination of each candidate shall be made on a separate nomination paper in Form I and must be subscribed by the candidate himself as assenting to the nomination and by two persons as proposer and seconder whose names are included in the electoral roll published under rule 8.

Sections 4 & 54 (2)(b).

14. Deposit.—Each candidate filing a nomination paper under the provisions of rule 13 shall on or before the time of delivery of his nomination papers, deposit or cause to be deposited a sum of fifty rapees in cash or by money order with the Registrar and enclose with the nomination paper the cash receipt issued by the Registrar or the money order receipt. No candidate shall be deemed to be duly nominated unless such deposit had been made.

Sections 4 & 54 (2)(b).

- 15. Forfeiture of deposit.—If a candidate by whom or on whose behalf the deposit referred to in rule 14 has been made is not elected and the number of votes polled by him is less than on half of the votes polled by the candidate, who is declared to have been elected with least number of votes, from that constituency, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Board.
- 16. Refund of deposit.—(1) The deposit in the following cases shall be an order in writing of the Chairman on the recommendation of the Returning Officer be refunded to the candidate or if not made by him to the person by whom it was made or where the candidate has died to his legal representatives:—
 - (a) where the nomination paper of the candidate has been rejected; or
 - (b) where the candidate has withdrawn his nomination paper within the specified time; or
 - (c) where the candidate has died before issue of the ballot paper to the electors.
- (2) The deposit in the following cases shall be refunded after the declaration of the result of the election:—
 - (a) where the candidate though not elected does not forfeit his deposit under rule 15; or
 - (b) where the candidate is elected.
- 17. Scrutiny of nomination papers and decision of objections.—(1) The Returning Officer shall examine the nomination papers at the time appointed in this behalf, hear objections, if any, presented by the objectors in person to the elegibility of any candidate and determine these objections after such inquiry as he may consider necessary. The decision rejecting or accepting a nomination paper, and a brief statement of reasons thereof shall be endorsed on the nomination paper and signed by the Returning Officer:

Provided that the Returning Officer may,

- (a) permit a clerical error, in the nomination paper, in regard to names or numbers, to be corrected in order to bring them in conformity with the corresponding entries in the electoral roll; and
- (b) where necessary, direct that any clerical or printing error in the said entries shall be ingored.
- (2) The person objecting under sub-rule (1) must be an elector.

Sections 4 & 54 (2) (b).

- 18. Withdrawal of candidature.—(1) Any candidate may withdraw his nomination by a notice in writing, which shall be subscribed by him and delivered to the Returning Officer, before expiry of the time allowed for the withdrawal of nomination papers.
- (2) No person who has given a notice of with Irawal under sub-rule (1) shall be allowed to cancel the withdrawal or be re-nominated as candidate for the same election.

Sections 4 & 54 (2) (b).

19. List of nominations to be pasted.—(1) The Returning Officer shall on the expiry of the time fixed for withdrawal of nomination papers, prepare and publish by pasting outside his office in alphabetical order, a list of the names of such of the validly nominated candidate for each constituency in form II (hereinafter called the contesting candidate for any constituency) and shall except where action is taken under rule 20 causes their names to be entered in the ballot paper in Form III.

- (2) The Returning Officer shall inform by registered post every candidate who has been duly nominated.
- 20. Procedure after publication of list of validly nominated candidates.—(1) If the number of contesting candidates for any constituency is equal to the number of persons to be elected, the Returning Officer shall declare all such candidates duly elected.
 - (2) If the number of contesting candidates for any constituency is less than the number of persons to be elected, the Returning Officer shall declare all such candidates duly elected and shall forward a list of such persons to the Government through the Chairman and if he is the Chairman then direct to the Government, together with a report, specifying the number of unfilled seats, the Chairman shall, also take action to fill up the remaining vacancies.
 - 21. Death of candidate before election.—If a candidate who has been validly nominated dies and a report of his death is received by the Returning Officer before issue of ballot papers to the electors, the Returning Officer shall countermand the poll in respect of that constituency and report the matter to the Chairman and all proceedings with reference to the election in that constituency shall be commenced in all respects as if for a new election:

Provided that no fresh nomination shall be necessary in the case of a candidate whose name is entered in the list of validly mominated candidates published under rule 19.

Sections 4 & 54 (2) (b).

- 22. Returning Officer to send ballot-papers by post.—(1) The Returning Officer shall, as soon as may be, after the publication of the list of valid nominations under rule 19, send under certificate of posting to each elector a ballot-paper in Form-III and shall enter on the counterfoil of each such ballot-paper the name of the elector to whom the ballot paper is sent and his serial number in the electoral roll.
 - (2) Along with the ballot paper the Returning Officer shall also send:-
 - (a) a cover addressed to himself in Form IV-A, and
 - (b) an envelope with the number of ballot-paper entered on its face. The Returning Officer shall have the number of the ballot-paper entered at the left hand bottom corner of the cover in Form IV-B.
- (3) The ballot paper together with the cover and envelope shall be sent to the address of the elector as shown in the electoral roll.
- (4) After all the ballot-papers have been issued under this rule, the Returning Officer shall seal up the packet of counterfoils of all such ballot-papers and record on such packet the description of its contents and the election to which it refers.
- (5) No election shall be invalidated by reason that an elector has not received his ballot paper provided that the ballot-paper has been issued to him in accordance with these rules.

Sections 4 & 54 (2) (b).

- 23. Ballot-papers to be returned after recording voies thereon.—(1) Every elector on receiving his ballot-paper sent under rule 22, if he desires to vote at the election, shall record his vote thereon and sign the declaration in accordance with the instructions set out on the ballot-paper.
- (2) The elector shall place the ballot-paper in the envelope, close the envelope and enclose it in the cover and send the cover by post or messenger to the Returning Officer in accordance with the instructions aforesaid so as to reach him before 3 p.m. on the date fixed in this behalf under rule 10. Any cover which is not received in by the Returning Officer before 3-00 p.m. on

the date so fixed shall be rejected. All such rejected covers shall be kept in a separate sealed packet by the Returning Officer and a list thereof shall be prepared.

24. Attestation of the elector's signatures on the ballot-paper.—An elector should obtain the attestation of his signatures b t not of his vote by Pradhan of a Gram Panchayat or by a Gazetted Officer of the Government of India or of a State Government.

Sections 4 & 54 (2) (b).

- 25. Issue of un-delivered and fresh ballot-papers.—(1) When a ballot-paper and other connected papers sent by post under rule 22 are not for any reason returned undelivered, the Returning Officer may re-issue them by delivery to the elector personally on his applying for the same.
- (2) In cases, where any elector has inadvertently dealt with his ballot-papers or any of the connected papers in such manner that the papers cannot conveniently be used, a second set of ballot-papers and other connected papers may be issued to the elector on the elector returning ballot-paper and other connected papers to the Returning Officer and satisfying him of the inadvertence. The papers so returned to the Returning Officer together with the counterfoil of the ballot-papers so returned shall be marked as cancelled by the Returning Officer. The papers so cancelled except the counterfoil of the ballot-papers shall be kept in a separate envelope set apart for the purpose.

Sections 4 & 54 (2) (b)

- 26. Manner of recording votvs.—(1) Every elector in a constituency shall have as many votes as there are seats to be filled in that constituency, at the election.
- (2) Such an elector when giving his votes shall place the mark 'X' in the space opposite the name of the contesting candidate or candidates in a single-member constituency or double-member constituency, as the case may be, for which he desires to vote.

Sections 4 4 & 54 (2) (b)

- 27. Counting of votes.—(1) The counting of votes shall be done in the Office of the Returning Officer on the date the next following the date fixed under rule 10 for the receipt of ballot papers by the Returning Officer and shall commence at 10 p.m.
- (2) No person other than a contesting candidate and one agent for each such candidate authorised by him in writing in this behalf may remain present at the place of counting (besides the Returning Officer and the person assisting him under his orders in the counting of votes).

Sections 4 & 55 (2)(b).

28. Grounds for declaring ballot-papers invalid.—A ballot-paper on which—

(a) no mark 'x' has been placed against the name of any candidate;

(b) the mark 'x' has been placed against the name of more candidates than there are seats to be filled in a constituency;

(c) any mark is made by which the elector may afterwards be identified;

(d) the signature of the electors not duly attested; or

(e) for any reason it is not certain for which candidate or candidates the elector inten ded to vote;

shall be invalid:

Provided that in a case under clause (e) if the total number of marks 'x' does not exceed the number of seats to be filled in a constituency and there is no uncertainty by about a vote having been east in favour of any candidate then the ballot-paper shall not be invalid as a whole and it will be valid in respect of each candidate in respect of whom there is no such uncertainty.

Sections 4 & 54(2)(b).

- 29. Procedure to be followed at the counting of votes.—(1) On the date and at the time and place mentioned in rule 27, the Returning Officer shall open the cover containing the ballot-papers received by him under rule 23 before 3-90 p.m. on the date fixed for receipt of ballot-papers under rule 10 and take out and thereafter scrutinise the ballot-papers taken out from the cover and separate the ballot-papers which he deems valid from those which he rejects endorsing on the latter the word rejected and the ground of rejection.
- (2) The Returning Officer shall thereafter cause to be counted the valid votes given to each contesting candidate as recorded on the ballot-papers which he has not rejected.
- (3) If the counting of votes be not completed by 6 p.m. on the day appointed, the Returning Officer may adjourn the proceedings until the following day at 10 A. M. and in such case shall place all the documents relating to the election under his own seal and the seals of the candidates or their agents, if any, are present and desire to affix their sakes and shall otherwise take proper precautions for the security of all the documents. The Returning Officer may in like manner adjourn the proceedings from day to day until the counting of the votes has been completed.
- (4) After the counting is completed the Returning Officer may on his own motion or at the request of any candidate for whom votes have been cast or his agent recount the votes.

Sections 4 & 54 (2)(b).

30. Declaration of result.—When the counting or if there is recounting of the votes has been completed for a constituency, the Returning Officer shall forthwith declare the contesting candidate or candidates, as the case may be, to whom the largest number of votes has been given in the constituency to be duly elected and shall forthwith inform such successful contesting candidates by letters of their having been elected to the Board and also send a copy of the same to the Chairman and the Government.

Sections 4 & 54(2)(b).

- 31. Decision in case of equality of Votes.—When an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidate and the addition of one vote would entitled any contesting candidate to be declared elected, the determination of the contesting candidate to whom such additional vote shall be deemed to have been given shall be made by lot, to be drawn by the Returning Officer in the presence of such contesting candidates or their agents.
- 32. Sealing and preservation of election material.—After the result has been declared by him, the Returning Officer shall seal the voting papers and all other documents relating to the election and shall retain the same with him for a period of six months and thereafter cause them to be destroyed.

Sections 37 (1) & 54(2)(b).

33. Amount of Security to be furnished for filling election petitions.—Every registered practitioner filing an election petition to the prescribed authority shall deposite one hundred rapees in the State Bank of India in the current account of the Board or in the Office of the Board and attach the receipt issued by the said Bank or the Chairman with the election petition.

Sections 37 & 54(2)(b).

34. Authority to whom election petition may be presented.—The election petition may be presented to the Chairman and the same will be referred for decision by the Chairman to the Election Tribunal to be appointed by the Chairman by means of a notification in the Government Gazette.

Sections 38 (1) & 54(2)(b).

35. Form of affidavit.—Where any corrupt practice is alleged the petitioner shall along with

the election petition an affidavit in Form VI, in support of the allegation of such corrupt practice and the particulars thereof, which shall be attested by a Magistrate of the 1st Class.

INSTRUCTIONS

1	The number of contesting candidates for which the elector may vote is
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System ar	dwill be registered practitioners following Unani System.

- 3. The candidates whose names are marked *are holding a diploma or degree in the Ayurvedic System or Unani System.
- 4. You shall VOTE by placing the mark 'x' opposite the name or names of candidates whom you prefer. If you do not wish to use all your votes (in case where more than one vote is allowed you need not do so) but more than one vote may not be given to any one candidate.
 - 5. The ballot-paper shall be invalid if:-
 - (a) the mark 'x' is placed opposite the name of more candidates than are to be elected; or
 - (b) the declaration is not properly signed by the elector; or
 - (c) it does not bear the initials of the Returning Officer; or
 - (d) no vote is recorded thereon; or
 - (e) a voter signs his name or writes a word or makes an mark on it by which it becomes recognisable as his ballot-paper; or
 - (f) the number of votes recorded thereon exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled; or
 - (g) it does not conform to the Himachal Pradesh Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners (Election) Rules, 1985; or
 - (h) it is void for uncertainty of one or more votes exercised:

Provided that when more than one vote can be given on the same ballot-paper, if one of the marks is so placed as to render it doubtful to which candidate it is intended to apply the vote concerned and not the whole ballot-paper shall be invalid on that account.

- 6. You should sign the declaration in Form V (enclosed) and write your number on the electoral roll and the place of your residence on it, in the presence of the Attesting Officer who shall be a Gazetted Officer or a Pradhan. He shall attest only the elector's signatures but not his vote which should not be accorded in his presence. You should return this declaration along with the ballot-papers, which shall be put into the small envelope. Without such signature, entry and attestation the ballot-paper shall be invalid.
- 7. In case you fill in more than one ballot-paper the first only of such ballot-paper received by the Returning Officer shall, if, otherwise in order, be valid, and if the Returning Officer, is unable to determine which of such ballot-papers was first received by him both or all such ballot-papers shall be invalid.

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Returning Officer.

Signature of the candidate

FORM II

(See rule 19)

LIST OF VALIDLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES FOR THE CONSTITUENCY

Sr. No.	Name of the candidate 2	Address of candidate 3
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
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****		Returning Officer.

Form III

[See rules 19 and 22(1)]

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To

FORM IV-B

[See rule 22(2)]

ENVELOPE BIG

Serial No.

To

The Returning Officer (Elections), Board of Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of Medicine, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.

FORM V

(See instruction No. 6 in Form III)

I hereby declare that my name appears in the electoral roll. vide entry No.....

Signature of the elector Residence..... Certified that the above elector has signed the declaration in my presence.

Signature of the Attesting Officer.

Name of Officer
Designation and complete address of the Attesting Officer.
FORM VI
(See rule 35)
AFFIDAVIT
I, (mention here the name of the practitioner)
son of Shri
(complete address) make solemn affirmation/oath and say:
 (i) that the respondent has been guilty of the corrupt practices of (mention here one or more of the corrupt practices and particulars thereof). (ii) that the particulars stated in the paras Noare true to my knowledge.
Signature of the Deponent.
Solemnly affirmed/sworn by Shri/Shrimati

'FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM' appended to Himachal Pradesh Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners (Election) Rules, 1984.

The Himachal Pradesh Board of Ayurvedic and Unani System of Medicine, Shimla, shall be required to incur considerable expenditure on the conduct of Elections of Members in accordance with the provisions of Himachal Pradesh Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners (Election) Rules, which will be about Rs. 80,000. The Board has no substantial resources to meet this entire expenditure rendered unavoidable by the requirements of these Statutory Rules, to carry out the provisions of the Act.

Government will reasonably be expected to reimburse either entire or substantial part of this expenditure on election of members under the Rules, to be conducted after every five years. The additional liability arising from this expenditure on elections to the State Exchequer, by way of special grant is estimated to be Rs. 80,000 at least, every time the elections have to be held. This additional expenditure is unavoidable under the Law, i.e. the Act and the Rules.

O. P. YADAV, Secretary.